

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4  
THIRD QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES  
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette  
St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 4 during third quarter 2003 was 242,730, a decrease of 0.3% from the second quarter 2003, and a decrease of 0.03% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 10 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 19.0% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2003, second quarter 2003, third quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 40. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 4 with 32,293 employees, or 13.3% of total employment. Lafayette was the leading parish with 118,770 employees, or 48.9% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.2% from the same period in 2002, and increased 0.9% from the second quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$576.12. St. Mary parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$632.23.

Average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 4" beginning on page 43.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Acadia	\$ 454.64
Evangeline	431.98
Iberia	553.67
Lafayette	628.10
St. Landry	473.88
St. Martin	408.89
St. Mary	632.23
Vermilion	558.19

The number of reporting units in RLMA 4 for third quarter 2003 was 16,378.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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